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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AEMR, CY

SUBJECT: E&E PLANNING

REF: STATE 156768

1. IN ANTICIPATION POSSIBLE AIR EVACUATION U.S. NATIONALS FROM CYPRUS, DCM THIS MORNING CONTACTED ASSAD NASR, MEA GENERAL MANAGER, CONCERNING POSSIBLE USG CHARTER LEBANESE CARRIER'S AIRCRAFT NICOSIA (OR RAF BASE ALTERNATIVE)--BEIRUT. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL MEA AIRCRAFT SIMILARY DEPLOYED NOVEMBER 1967 USG AIR EVACUATION NICOSIA--BEIRUT AND AGAIN IN 1970, AMMAN TO BEIRUT.

2. NASR ASSURED DCM MEA'S FULL COOPERATION AND AVAILABILITY PORTION MEA'S CURRENT NINETEEN BOEING FLEET (707-320C/720B) FOR POSSIBLE AIR EVACUATIONBE HALF USG CYPRUS--LEBANON. MEA WOULD REQUIRE FOUR HOURS ADVANCE NOTICE AND OPERATE DAYLIGHT ONLY. HOWEVER, NASR POINTED OUT STRINGENT LIMITATIONS IMPOSED MEA BY AIRCRAFT INSURER (LLOYD'S OF LONDON) AGAINST COVERAGE LOSSES INCURRED WAR-ZONES. THEREFORE, MEA MUST HAVE CLEAR WRITTEN USG ASSURANCE, PROVIDING FOR COVERAGE OF MEA IF ANY OR ALL ITS AIRCRAFT DEPLOYED CYPRUS BEHALF USG LOST BY HOSTILE

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3. EMBASSY REQUEST IMMEDIATE AUTHORITY ASSURE MEA USG
WILL COVER SUCH AIRCRAFT LOSSES, AS WAS CASE NOVEMBER 1967 AND 1970
WHEN DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZED EMBASSY TO GIVE LEBANESE CARRIER
SUCH ASSURANCES. GODLEY

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